

# The Busselton Aviator

## The Busselton Aero Club's Monthly Magazine

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### From The President

Well it looks as though Frances and I are both back and will do our best for the Club. We are giving you 12 months notice that we will not be standing again for next years elections. I would like to thank my supporters who worked hard on me to continue. Thanks must go to the retiring directors Mike Grimwood & Noel Wellstead and also we welcome Allan Snell and Rod Swallow to the team to join Clive Croxford for the next 2 years as directors. I would like to thank Mike Ancliffe and Mark Leavesly for rejoining the committee which will add more experience to the team.

As I see it, this year must be a full on year if we are to make the club grow into a vibrant unit; we desperately need new members to get involved actively with fresh ideas and take over positions in the club. I am asking all our members including those we do not see very much, to help in as many ways as possible, particularly now as we commence our RA Training. Mike Grimwood offered to manage the weekend rosters for the time being. When the club gets really busy with training, me may not need the Roster. In any event, it is important to keep the clubhouse open every weekend. That way we would be able to welcome visitors, new members and while the members are there, could do

some tidying up inside and out. This will keep the club looking smik.

There were 6 people from the area who attended Oshkosh this year [see photo in news letter], the photo only shows 5 people because Roger lost his dad, so we missed him in the group photo, Roger not only lost his Dad once, but twice, so if I was his Dad I would be looking closely at my Will and perhaps leave his assets to our Aero Club.

Oshkosh was a great visit with lots to do and see and well worth the trip. Ken, Erick and myself traveled Melb to Lax on Qantas 380, its a large aircraft.

Later this year when he gets his photos together, Ken will give us a run down of this years Oshkosh.

It was very pleasing to welcome our newest and youngest member Rhys Morrissey to our Club. We wish him well and now it is up to us to get the RA training up and running as soon as possible so he can get airborne.

Its worth visiting YouTube, to see the very heavy landing that the A380 did at Oshkosh. Just search A380 heavy landing. According to a Tower controller we spoke to, it was grounded for a couple days so the engineers could check it before it flew again and, of course it did.

I must remind members that all decisions concerning the Club under the constitution must be approved by its members.

Happy Flying,  
*Geoff*

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## Editorial.

OK, we are off on the start of another new year. What does that mean? Perhaps we can summarise it into one word and that is **progress**. If we look back over the years, we can see progress every where we look. The graph of our efforts may look like the global financial indexes with a lot of ups and downs. Perhaps the club's graph may emulate our current downturn in activity after the departure of Peter - but you will notice that generally, like the financial indexes, there appears to be a pronounced rise in our interest in many areas.

However, one thing worries me, and I know it worries a lot of members and that is the apparent lack of interest demonstrated at the recent AGM. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend due to family commitments in Perth, but several members commented on this when I returned.

An example of this was the election of officers. We had President Geoff, who has done a great job for the past two years wanting to retire and finding there was no one in the club who wanted to take his place.

Lets face it, being president is not a very hard job. In fact it should be the easiest job around. All you have to do is run a monthly meeting and delegate all the work to other people.

Other large clubs usually have a bit of a bun fight to find out who gets the best jobs on the committee. President Geoff has laid his cards on the table for next year. At the next AGM, lets show some interest and have some elections.

Talking about progress, there will be a new column in the magazine from now on. To see it, slip over to page six.

Dick

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## From The Secretary

**Minutes of the General Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 5 p.m.**

**Present :** 32 members (see list)

**Apologies** Dick & Kath Jackson, Rod & Sally Swallow, John \* Kay Purdue, Dave Monotti, Brice Ellis.

**Minutes :** Minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted. Moved : Mike Leavesley  
2nd Peter Watson

**Matters arising :** Meeting with shire re. lease agreement. It is not possible to arrange the lease without a name attached. If there is a commercial interest in future we must readvertise. The club is responsible for the previous advertising costs.

**Correspondence In:** Dick Jackson re. CFUI ticket progressing well. Will be obtained at Northam as he has been advised this is least expensive option. He has contacted three senior high schools re. RA and possible air cadets club being established.

**New members applications :**

Rhys Morrissey Proposed by Richard Jackson  
Seconded by Ian Stevenson

As our first junior member the membership fee for the first year's membership will be paid by the club. We welcomed Rhys to the club.

**General business ;**

**Happy birthday** to Ross Beatty.

**Congratulations** to Michael Grimwood on obtaining his GA license.

Thanks to Linda Grimwood for decorating the club house for the meeting.

**Airport Advisory Group** Ross Beatty reported that the biggest concern is Rio wanting to change current curfew.

To go back to shire for approval. Will be discussing training at next meeting.

**Storage shed** Ross Beatty reported that he has got the shire building approvals through but they state no second hand materials to be used. He will look into the cost of a new shed so we can proceed.

**Lake Ballard trip** Mark needs final numbers and email addresses so The Quest Yelverton can advise final costs and send invoices to attendees. About 18 people have indicated their interest.

**Volunteers to help Noel** These are needed to move metal frames. Brian Batley said he was willing to assist.

**Fly over at Busselton Show.** Terry Old will organise this. Can sell TIF tickets from our site at the show.

**Community Directory.** Ian Stevenson pointed out that the club is not included in this publication. Michael Grimwood will check procedure for inclusion in next edition.

**Thanks** to be sent to Sea Rescue for loan of photocopier. Secretary to do this.

**Membership Application form to be amended.** Needs to reflect that Busselton Air Services are no longer collocated.

**Cross strip.** Terry Old enquired if we could proceed with plans to establish a cross strip as this would be beneficial especially in summer. Agreed to draw up plans, feasibility etc. before approaching shire.

New member Brent Ziersch welcomed to the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m

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## Minutes for the Annual general Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Present** : 32 people. See list.

**Apologies** : As for general meeting of same date.

President Geoff McGlasson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes** of the previous AGM held on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 were read. Moved Frances Matthews Seconded Brian Batley. Accepted.

### **Matters arising ;**

There were no matters arising.

### **Correspondence ;**

There was no correspondence addressed to the AGM, nor outward correspondence.

### **Reports ;**

**President** ; Report is attached.

**Treasurer** ;

Full report attached.

**General business** Mike Tonks moved that 'The club membership fee be increased to \$50 for full members and \$25 for junior members (under 18 years) from the date of the motion.

This was seconded by Ross Beatty.

A show of hands For ; 17 Against ; 1 The motion was carried.

Bruce Anderson moved that ' Membership fees for our inaugural Junior member, Rhys Morrissey, should be paid by the club.' This was seconded by Mike Tonks. A show of hands passed this motion.

Mike Tonks moved the motion that ' Non-flying partners of full members of the club should pay a membership of \$12 per annum.

This was seconded by Bruce Anderson. After discussion this motion was defeated by a clear majority.

The present office holders were all stood down from their positions and Ross Beatty took the chair for the elections.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
President	G. McGlasson	B. Anderson	T. Old
V.P.	M. Leavesley	M. Tonks	Croxford.
Secretary	F. Matthews	McGlasson	Leavesley
Treasurer	M. Ancliffe	M. Tonks	T.Old

### 2 Year Directors

Swallow	Grimwood	Stevenson
Croxford	Leavesley	Stevenson
Snell	Leavesley	Old

Directors with one year to serve are Karen Dorlandt, Ross Beatty and Terry Old

Geoff and Frances accepted their positions with the proviso that this would be their last year as president and secretary. The club needs to make provision for changes in the next twelve months.

All new members of the committee were introduced to club members. Geoff McGlasson looked forward to a positive year for the club. Meeting closed 6.10 p.m.

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What have we got here, knaves, rogues or rascals? Probably all, we think. Above we see our honoured President, Geoff with Ken Manton, Preson Boley, Roger Avery and I think Roger's dad. Judging by the flags upon the sign, it would have to be some sort of international event. You would be right if you guessed the Oshkosh show! (Notice how they are not holding each other up?)

To date, we have not heard very much about the show or even how they behaved. Perhaps this will be revealed after they have a meeting and sort out their stories.

Apparently, the best story of the trip was when some Airbus demo pilot tried to do a short landing in an A380! Well, it wasn't pretty. If you want to see some film on it Goggle on over to Oshkosh A380 landing and you will learn how **not** to do it.

As president Geoff has stated, he is going to invite Ken along at one of our meetings to show us some great photos and a commentary on the event. In the meantime, Ken has to sort out hundreds of shots and get them ready for display.

Ok, you aircraft ID buffs. What sort of aircraft is this?

Well, its not an Evektor Sportstar, but its like one. Actually its a TL 2000 Sting. The one pictured is a retractable but they come in the fixed gear version too. You will note by the rego numbers it is registered as an Australian Light Sports Aircraft. The company that imports them from Czechoslovakia is in Melbourne and they promise we will be seeing more of them. To get more details go on over to: [www.mcp.com.au/sting](http://www.mcp.com.au/sting) Carbon ultralight aircraft. Not only will you see some great shots of the TL 2000 but also of the Sirius too.

The Sting 2000 is all carbon fibre and has phenomenal performance. With the Rotax 912 engine at 20 lit/hr, it cruises at 140 kts and at 15 lit/hr it still does 125 kts. With credentials like that, it could certainly be a great training aircraft for a club our size. All we need is a lot of students and a lot of money.

Just looking at some of the LSA's that are coming out of Europe at the moment, who would think about going G.A. ?

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# From the C.F.I.

Wots this? We have a CFI? Well after what seems an eternity, I have eventually got my CFI's rating. Its been a long hard struggle since Peter was at the point of leaving. You may recall I had a bit of a health scare for a while until it was decided that it was nothing to worry about. Then there has been the wait for the RAA Ops Manager to get back from leave so he could organise the test and finally the seemingly eternal wait for the weather to clear so that I could fly up to Northam for the flight check.

I got a text message from Peter Hales this morning saying they were on their way to Townsville. I replied to this congratulating them on their progress and added that I got my CFI at last. His quick reply was something in the line of 'who said they couldn't teach old dogs new tricks?' What's this all about Halesy? I bet next time I see you, you will have as much grey hair as I've got.

All right, lets get back to serious things for a moment. As we are technically ready to start training, (well almost - I have to get the card in the mail yet) nearly all of our plans are set.

Firstly, I have been in contact with the senior schools in Busselton and have made tentative arrangements to go around and do presentations on flying careers. I am hopeful that we will accrue more membership in the form of cadetships. Incidentally, that is an area that the club has to do some work on. We will need to set up some administration on how that will work within the club.

Secondly, I have almost finished the article to be placed in the local paper. I must thank those who have helped in fine tuning that piece of work. The cooperation was greatly appreciated. When the ad goes out - actually I am hoping it will be called an advertorial (that way, we may not have to pay for it) and thereby hopefully get some more students. I don't intend to restrict our activities to Busselton alone - there is no reason why we cannot embrace other nearby centres as well.

Thirdly, the Busselton Show is coming up soon and we have an invitation we cannot afford to decline. Terry Old has some great ideas for this event.

There are more ideas in the boiling pot which is gently simmering away with opportunities for our club. However, all of these plans can amount to nothing without fine tuning. This fine tuning needs the support of the club. All of the ideas I have mentioned will only stir up interest in learning to fly. People will not throw themselves at our feet just because of a nice article in the paper or a classy ad on the radio. Once we have the interest, we must cultivate it by Learn to Fly Seminars. These will be held in the clubhouse so we can have a hands on demonstration of what we have to offer.

Flying is only one thing - club atmosphere is another. We cannot demonstrate our friendliness and congeniality if we don't have any members there! I've said this before, we need membership support on each and every project we do so its up to us. We cannot build up an active and vibrant club unless we have a firm base on which to build it.

I did mention ideas simmering away in the pot. As I write this, I had a call from one of our members who came up with some fantastic ideas - ideas that can put the club on its feet, and not just standing, but running. Hopefully by the next issue, we can advise you of the details.

As momentum is beginning into rise, I am most grateful that one of our most pressing needs was the internal spring clean of the club. The work done by a few members, particularly Ian Stevenson, has transformed the club into a bright, comfortable place where we will be proud to invite future students and guests. However, this is a work in progress operation and there is more to be done. When we **eventually** get our shed in situ we can move most of our junk from the clubrooms where it literally becoming an eyesore out of sight.

Now that we have the engines started and we are beginning to taxi, there is still much work to be done before we reach the holding point and open the throttles. You may be asked to do a little job here and there now and again so please don't find something else to do. Already, I have asked for some help occasionally and every time, I have been greeted with a positive response. Keep it up.

Dick

## Around the Clubhouse

Members who haven't been to the clubhouse recently will note a pleasant change. The place has really been brightened up quite a lot.

All the walls have been repainted, this time with a lighter shade of blue - and even the toilets have succumbed to a more pleasant relief.

Perhaps the perpetrator of this could be yours truly who wanted the instructor's room and the briefing room redecorated prior to the RAA inspection. The walls of these rooms lost their bluish tinge and gave way to a creamy colour (its called Moonstone) which gives a brighter and indeed a more commodious appearance. The assistant brush wielders in this case was Alan Snell and our newest and youngest member, Rhys Morrissey.

Returning to the blue walls, the arch painter, straight from the McCubbin school was of course, Ian Stevenson. Stevo, who copped more than some unexpected flack from the local comics was undeterred, and continued the deft strokes of his brush until the job was done. Incidentally, Stevo also painted the Club office in Moonstone which was a very difficult job considering the amount of heavy furniture that had to be moved around.

Anyway, the club is now up to its as new condition and we can now feel proud to introduce prospective students and members to our building.

## How Old Are You?

Someone remarked the other day that the average of members was a little on the elderly side. So What's wrong with that? Even if you are getting close to being on the opposite side of the grass, here is something to remember.

*Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favourite fast food when you were growing up?'*

*\*'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'*

*'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?' 'It was a place called 'at home,' I explained! 'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'*

*By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :*

*Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis , set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).*

*We didn't have a television in our house until I was 19.*

*It was, of course, black and*

*white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.*

*I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line. Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered news papers - my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 6am every morning.*

*Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.*

*My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it.. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.\**

**The next meeting will be  
On Sunday 13 th september at 5.00 pm  
The BYO meal will be a barbeque.**

*Director's Meeting Sunday, 13 th September 1600 hrs.*

**Lake Ballard Trip 26 - 28 Sept.**

*Don't forget our Sundowners at the clubhouse every  
Friday evening around 1700 hrs.*

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